Merrill Hall Reel

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This is a nice duple minor, double progression contra dance. I wouldn't use it as a beginner dance, but it's great for a community dance. I found it on a VHS tape named the **"Joy of Dancing"** that was made by Lewis Productions for the Kentucky Heritage Foundation in 1997. The caller is Bob Howell. To see the video click here. The view of the camera is from the foot of the hall

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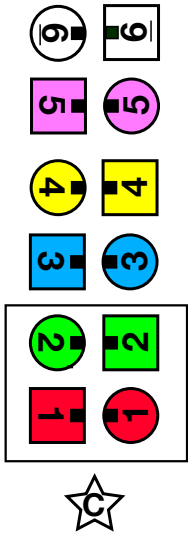

1-8 With the corner/neighbor Heel & Toe out and in.

9-16 Repeat 1-8

17-24 DoSaDo corner/neighbor

25-32 Pass Thru to the next couple & Swing

33-40 Same four Circle Four to the Left

41-48 Star Left to the home line

49-64 Slow Square Thru

As a lot of you already know, I really like using modules. This dance contains four modules, one for each 16 beats of music. There is one progression at the end of the AA part and a second progression at the end of the BB part. I think it makes the dance very easy for both the dancers and the caller to remember.

For those of you who like trivia, Merrill Hall is located in Asilomar, California. This was the site of a famous dance camp held by Bob Osgood and SIO/Square Dance Magazine. Judy and I attended that camp one time and it was wonderful.